



Back To School Down The Shore

Governor Christie Remains Committed To Re-Opening New Jersey Schools Closed By Super Storm Sandy

RETURNING OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN TO A SENSE OF NORMALCY

From the beginning of New Jersey's recovery from Super Storm Sandy, Governor Christie emphasized the need to return our schools to a sense of normalcy as quickly as possible. Schools in New Jersey suffered more than \$40 million in damage from Sandy.

Within three weeks of the storm, 99 percent of New Jersey's schools were open and every New Jersey student whose school remained closed was receiving services in a temporary location. The New Jersey Department of Education (DOE) is working to assure all schools affected are re-opened no later than the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year. Currently, only 5 schools remain closed.

RE-OPENING THE SCHOOLS MOST IMPACTED BY SANDY

Union Beach Memorial School

Union Beach Memorial School officially re-opened on June 3, 2013. The school serves 732 students in grades K-8. After Super Storm Sandy, the one-story school was described as "almost beyond repair." Students had been relocated to Keyport and Holy Family Schools and will now finish out the rest of the school year which ends June 27th. The total rehabilitation costs have reached approximately \$1.3 million.

Monmouth Beach Elementary School

Monmouth Beach Elementary School was re-opened on June 3, 2013. The school serves 312 students in grades K-8. The school experienced flood water levels of two to three feet throughout the entire building, ruining furniture, books, supplies and major equipment such as the school's boilers. Students were able to attend classes at schools in West Long Branch, Oceanport and Shore Regional. Total rehabilitation costs have been nearly \$2 million.

Stone Harbor Elementary School

Stone Harbor Elementary School re-opened its doors to students on March 11, 2013. During Sandy, the school experienced flooding and nearly a foot of water remained after it had passed causing extensive damage to the gym, several classrooms, bathrooms and administrative offices. Renovations to the school – costing in excess of \$600,000 – included a new gym floor, new carpeting, the installation of new sheet rock and removal of old tiles.